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9. (Amended). The cross-incompatible maize plant of claim [9] 1 further comprising a gene cluster within its genome wherein said gene cluster is located on the short arm of chromosome 4 between map units 40-85.

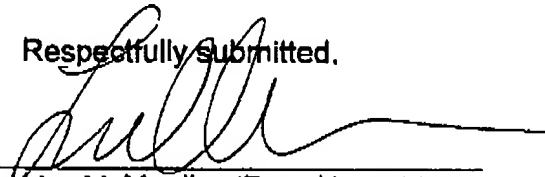
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to correct a typographical error in claim 9. Specifically, as originally filed, claim 9 was recited as being dependent upon itself. This Preliminary Amendment seeks to correct this error.

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